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TAGS: PFOR, TZ, IN

SUBJECT: COMMENTARY ON INDIAN ELECTION

REF: 76 DAR ES SALAAM 3045

1. "MRS. INDIRA GANDHI'S GRACEFUL EXIT FROM OFFICE PUTS TO SHAME THOSE OF HER ENEMIES WHO USED TO ACCUSE HER OF HAVING INTRODUCED DESPOTIC RULE OVER INDIA." THUS OPENS A BRIEF EDITORIAL IN THE MARCH 24 ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED TANZANIA DAILY NEWS.

2. EDITORIAL NOTES THAT CONGRESS PARTY LOST ELECTION BECAUSE OF EMERGENCY LAWS, WHICH WERE "CAPITALIZED ON" BY THE OPPOSITION PARTIES, BUT SAYS "IT CANNOT BE DENIED THAT THE EMERGENCY DID SOME GOOD TO THE PEOPLE AND THE COUNTRY". IT CONCLUDES (AFTER BRIEF DISCUSSION OF STERILIZATION ISSUE) BY SAYING THAT " THE INDIAN MASSES WANT MORE LIBERTY WITH THEIR BREAD AND THEY HAVE SAID SO LOUD AND CLEAR. WE SINCERELY HOPE AND PRAY THAT THEY WILL GET BOTH IN THE RIGHT PROPORTION."

3. COMMENT: TANZANIA HAD STAUNCHLY SUPPORTED MRS. GANDHI

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IN HER FIGHT AGAINST INDIAN AND FOREIGN CRITICS OF THE EMERGENCY MEASURES SHE APPLIED. NOW THAT SHE HAS FALLEN, THE MEDIA FIND IT NECESSARY TO EXPLAIN THE DEBACLE IN TERMS WHICH WILL NOT CONFLICT WITH TANZANIA'S PREVIOUS STAND, AND DOMESTIC PRACTICES. AS WAS THE CASE WITH THE DEFEAT OF SWEDEN'S OLAF PALME, THIS LEADS TO SOME PRETTY STRAINED REASONING.  
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